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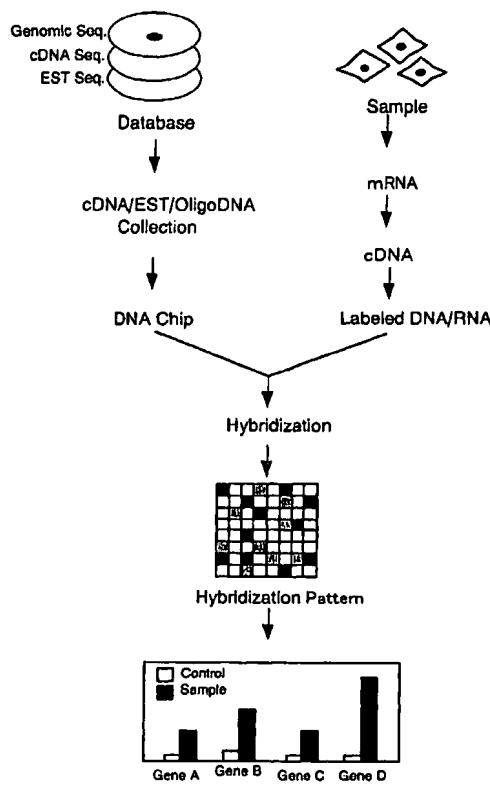
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(54) Title: METHOD FOR EXAMINING ISCHEMIC CONDITIONS



(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a method for examining ischemic conditions, comprising measuring the expression levels of particular genes in a test sample or determining the expression profile of a gene group in the sample comprising a plurality of genes selected from said particular genes.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: **1-16 (all partially)**
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

1-16 (ALL PARTIALLY)

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-16 (all partially)

Methods of examining ischemic conditions and methods of screening for ischemic condition-improving drugs, comprising measuring in a test sample the expression levels of genes having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, or genes encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO 1. DNA chip comprising said genes, and computer-readable media in which expression level of said genes, or instructions to measure and compare expression levels of said genes, is recorded.

2. Claims: 1-16 (all partially)

Methods of examining ischemic conditions and methods of screening for ischemic condition-improving drugs, comprising measuring in a test sample the expression levels of genes having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, or genes encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2. DNA chip comprising said genes, and computer-readable media in which expression level of said genes, or instructions to measure and compare expression levels of said genes, is recorded.

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Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 1-16 (all partially)

Present claims 2, 6, 7, 9, 12 and 15 relate to methods and products by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely being "functionally equal" to the genes listed in the application. The claims cover all methods and products having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of PCT Article 6 and disclosure within the meaning of PCT Article 5 for only a limited number of such methods and products, i.e. those using or having sequences SEQ ID NO: 1.

On the other hand, the lack of a precise definition of said "functionally equal" genes, either in terms of sequence or in terms of specific detailed function, renders the scope of the claims unclear within the meaning of PCT Article 6.

In the present case, the lack of clarity, support and disclosure is such that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

Consequently, the search has been limited to those parts of said claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely the methods and probes using genes having sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, or genes encoding the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NO: 1 (see also form PCT/ISA/206, Invitation to pay additional fees).

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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